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As 2011 nears to a close, here are the final media highlights of the year.

Recognizing Bristol Bay, Alaska, as one of the last pristine freshwater habitats for wild salmon, the FishWise program has selected Trout Unlimited as a grant recipient for funds from Santa Monica Seafood, a group of seafood vendors.

Stewarded by a veteran fisheries biologist, the money will go toward documenting which streams in the Bristol Bay watershed have ideal habitat for wild salmon. This information will then be added to the State of Alaska's Anadromous Waters Catalog, which helps guide management and conservation decisions.

And, an Alaskan teenager shows her passion for protecting Bristol Bay from Pebble mine. She fears that Pebble will destroy the "rustic, Alaska way of life in the region," and concludes: "As I wrap this up, I just want to leave you with this: Pebble Mine is a threat to humans, animals, and vegetation in Alaska, and they have no plans to do anything different. So I encourage you, to stop this madness that has polluted the minds of some people in Alaska. You can do something about it, so, why not?"

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, visit:  
[www.savebristolbay.org](http://www.savebristolbay.org).

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**Fishwise, Santa Monica Seafood and Trout Unlimited join Forces to Conserve  
Bristol Bay Salmon**

*Sustainable Fishery*

FishWise was contracted by Santa Monica Seafood in October, 2010 as a third-party manager of the Responsible Sourcing Vendor Partner (RSVP) marine conservation fund in order to help maintain program integrity. FishWise is responsible for the critical and

objective assessment of RSVP funding candidates... [Click here to read more](#)

### **Why Pebble Mine would be Bad for Alaska – My Opinion**

AKcurlgirl806, Anchorage AK

*Teen Ink*

Pebble Mine is very widely known around Alaska and around the rest of the United States as being a very ‘touchy’ subject. Most Alaskans are very pointed on this subject. Well, we are not going to dwell on them, because in this essay, I am going to give my personal opinion on Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

### **Halcro distorts opposition to Pebble mine**

Art Hackney

*Anchorage Daily News*

Andrew Halcro's Compass piece of Dec. 15 ("Anti-Pebble ads are blatantly not true") is an embarrassment of misstatements, and one has to wonder why. His diatribe against opponents of Pebble mine was based on a completely inaccurate statement... [Click here to read more](#)

### **Cities and Borough's in the Bristol Bay Region Share over \$207 thousand Dollars in Shared Fisheries Business Tax Revenue**

Mike Mason

*KDLG*

Several cities and Borough's across the Bristol Bay region will be sharing over \$207-thousand dollars through the Alaska fisheries business tax program. KDLG's Mike Mason has the details... [Click here to listen](#)

### **Boundary Commission Approves Bristol Bay Annexation Petition**

Daysha Eaton

*Alaska Public Radio*

The Alaska Local Boundary Commission has approved the City of Dillingham's petition to annex the waters off its shore. City Manager Dan Forester says the approval came after the city went through a process of consultation with local fishing communities about the fish tax that would likely result... [Click here to listen](#)

### **Where water is Gold: Bristol Bay and the Pebble Mine (USA Project Funding)**

Carl Johnson

*USA Projects*

There is a vast amount of information available to assist one in making informed decisions about the potential impact of the Pebble Mine on the rich waterways that contribute to the Bristol Bay salmon fishery and support the region's abundant wildlife. But that information is widely dispersed and not accessible in one, easily-accessible location. The goal of this project is to publish a photo essay book that provides that information in one binding... [Click here to read more](#)

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